## STERLING STUART INJURED.

23-YEAR-OLD SON OF RUTH M'EN-ERY STUART, THE WRITER,

Tried to Enter House Through Window His Head Caught in Broken Pane -A Friend Climbed a Porch to Aid Him, but Was Too Late to Prevent His Fall.

Sterling Stuart, the twenty-three-yearold son of Ruth McEnery Stuart, the writer, and Garrow T. Geer, the seventeen-year-old son of the Rev. W. Montague Geer, rector of St. Paul's Chapel (Trinity parish). Manhattan, came from their homes in Flushing, L. I., on Thursday afternoon to attend a beefsteak dinner given by Company I. Seventh Regiment. Despite the disparity of their ages, they have been close friends for a long time. Stuart was a memher of the regiment, but Geer was not. Geer, who is about 6 feet tall and of athletic build, looks at least 20 years old.

The dinner was held in the armory on Fark avenue, and the young men had some rinks there. They took the last train from Long Island City, reached Flushing at half after midnight and went to a restaurant, where they sat talking and drinking until about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Stuart has been in a sanitarium at Dansville, N. Y., on account of illness brought on by overwork, and during her absence her big white frame house at the orner of Locust and Lawrence streets has been in the charge of a caretaker. Her son, who is employed by the Long Island Express Company at Long Island City, had teen boarding, during his mother's absence, at 28 Union street, Flushing.

Both young men were drunk when they left the restaurant. Stuart realized that the Rev. Mr. Geer would be shocked if he discovered his son's condition, so he suggested that they go to the Stuart home. There they falled to awaken the caretaker. Stuart had no key. A veranda runs along the Lawrence street side of the house, and the idea occurred to the young men that from its roof they could open a window. They matched coins to see who should climb the pillar, and Stuart lost.

No one but an athlete could have gained the roof. The posts are square and smooth, does not come within five feet of the eaves. Then, too, the eaves project more than a foot, and after getting a grip on the rain trough Stuart must have exercised great strength, especially for one in his condition, to draw himself to the top. But at last he was there. Several windows open directly on the roof, and it is said that one of them was partly open.

Had Stuart found this or forced one of the others there would have been no accident. But his mind, awry as it was, had fixed upon a window in the rear of the house, more than two feet away from the roof of the veranda and about a foot higher than the roof. Directly beneath this window was a first story window, which they had not tried to force because it was shuttered. Its top ledge, however, afforded a footing for the adventurous Stuart. It must have been a perilous trip from the veranda roof to this ledge, for there was When he finally scarcely anything to grip. reached the perch he found that the window was looked.

With his head or a hand Stuart broke one of the small panes, shoved in an arm and felt for the catch. He could not find it, so he inserted his head. The sash was so small that he could not withdraw his head. Bits of projecting glass cut him when he tried to. Geer saw that his friend was caught like

a rat in a trap and began to call to him. "Don't yell," said Stuart. "I'm in trouble."

Geer went to the veranda and shinned up the drain pipe. He saw that it was imossible to aid his friend from the roof, so he went to the first window looking upon the roof, smashed it in and entered the

"I can't get my head out," said Stuart. "You'll have to smash the window frame." Just as Geer started to do this Stuart's head slipped out of the frame, his hands lost their hold on the sash and he fell fifteen feet to the ground. Geer returned to the roof by the window through which he had entered and climbed down the pillar. He had cut his hands in breaking the window, and the pillar was smeared with blood. He found Stuart prostrate below the window. His head had struck on the stone edge of the cellar stairs, and blood was pouring from a cut in his scalp just above the left ear.

Geer ran to the home of John L. Bogart. the nearest neighbor, and asked Mr. Bogart to summon an ambulance and call the police. Dr. Benoit of the Flushing Hospital, who came with the ambulance, saw that Stuart's spine was hurt and took him with great care to the hospital, where he was placed upon an air cot. It was found hat the spine was fractured and dislocated. at the lower dorsal vertebræ. Stuart was resting somewhat more easily last night, but his condition is critical and the surgeons would not express expectation of his recovery. If Stuart is strong enough this morning an operation will be performed. The cut on his head was three inches long, but the skull was not fractured.

Detectives Bowe and Bolton were puzzled by the first appearance of things t the Stuart house, the broken window and the trail of blood that Geer's hands left on the roof and the pillar, that they arrested the boy and locked him up on a charge of intoxication and of being a suspicious person. When he was arraigned before Magistrate Connerton he pleaded guilty to intoxication and sentence was suspended, but he was remanded on the

other charge L. M. Franklin of Sanford avenue, Flush ng, a friend of his family, soon came and had a talk with him. Mr. Franklin later told the lad's story to the Magistrate, and Geer was paroled in Franklin's custody. Police Captain Wolfarth investigated the case and said in the afternoon that there could be no doubt that it was an accident. Geer went to the hospital and had his hand dressed, but he was not allowed to see Stuart, who was unconscious. It was said that Stuart's mother was not informed of the socident, as it was feared it might affect her too seriously. Her dister. Miss McEners, was at the bedside nearly all

The home of the Rev. Mr. Geer is at 227 Amity street, Flushing. He hurried home from New York when he learned of the ase, and spent the afternoon talking with is son. The clergyman was much affected

"This is a tremendous tragedy," he said.
"Two young men have been very foolish and one of them will pay for it with his life, I am afraid." Geer will be formally arraigned

IMPROMPTU DOG SALE. Blind Man and Holland Benefit Fund Joint Witmers-frixle Friganza's Idea.

Standing at Thirty-ninth street and Broadway, as the crowd was coming out of the Metropolitan Opera House from the Joe Holland benefit at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was an old man in rags olding a tousled yellow cur, on which was the sign "For sale."

Suddenly a fashionably dressed womanome say it was Trixie Friganza, and she doesn't deny it-stepped quickly out of the theatre crowd, grabbed the dog out of the old man's arms, and holding it aloft,

"What am I offered to start it?" The words were scarcely out of the "auctioneer's" mouth when somebody shouted

"Twenty-five dollars, twenty-five I have," sang out the auctioneer. "Who'll make it Remember Joe Holland." "Fifty dollars," said Lillian Russell, who

was in the crowd from the first. Seventy-five," responded Joe Weber. "One hundred dollars," cried Miss Russell. By that time several hundred persons had gathered at the corner; the sidewalk was blocked and the crowd was flowing out

May Irwin came up. \*One hundred and fifty," she cried as soon as she heard what was going on.

into the street.

There the bid hung for some time, but finally a man with a silk hat made it \$165, handed over the money, took the dog under his arm and jumped into a cab.

Into the hands of the old man in rags, who had stood watching the proceeding, dumb with astonishment, the auctioneer slipped a \$10 bill, which was about ten times as much as he had been asking for the dog. The rest was added to the benefit fund.

WEIGHTMAN WILL SETTLEMENT? May Drop Contest to Avoid Publicity-Mrs.

Wister's Demand Placed at \$10,000,000.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.-It was learned to-day that Mrs. Jones Wister had requested Register of Wills Klemmer to reopen the Weightman will case, in the hope of securing a settlement without having to air the case in the courts. Register of Wills Klemmer and Alexander Simpson, Jr., attorney for Mrs. Wister, held a long conference in the and the only foothold is the railing, which Register's office this afternoon discussing the method of procedure.

Immediately after the conference the Register left for Atlantic City. If he finds it possible to do so he will reopen the will case and the hearings will be held in his office, at which Mrs. Wister will present her evidence, which she believes will show that Mr. Weightman's mental condition at the time of making his last will precluded his expressing what it is believed will be shown to have been his real intentions.

A final effort to reach a settlement without recourse to the courts will be made Monday. Mrs. Walker, the sole beneficiary under her father's will, has announced her intention of coming to Philadelphia on that day. Ten million dollars is the amount asked for by way of settlement. Several of Mrs. Walker's friends are known to have advised her to settle and prevent the other-wise inevitable airing of the affairs of the Weightman and several other prominent families in public. Mrs. Walker, however, is said to be determined to stop at nothing to resist the claims of the grandchildren as voiced by Mrs. Wister to a share in the \$60,000,000 estate.

RECEIVED BY THE KAISER.

Dr. Herschmann Returns From Participa-

The Rev. Dr. John J. Herschmann of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, arrived yesterday on the steamship Barbarossa after a six weeks solourn in Germany, whither he had gone on the invitation of the German Emperor to participate in the dedication of the Imperial Church.

The new church, or dom, as it is called, is across the way from the imperial palace.
Dr. Prugh of Pittsburg and Dr. Brown of
the Union Theological Seminary were the
other two American divines invited. At an audience on the afternoon of Feb. 27 Ambassador Charlemagne Tower pre-sented the Americans to the Emperor and

Empress.

"The Emperor," said Dr. Herschmann, expressed great interest in America and sent his greetings through me to Americans

sent his greetings through me to Americans of German origin. The Empress, too, was very gracious and cordial."

On the evening of that day there was a reception for the delegates. The Emperor and Empress, Prince Henry, the Crown Prince, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Waldemar of Denmark received. When the Americans were leaving at the Barbarosas the Emperor, who was on the Barbarossa the Emperor, who was on the man of war Kaiser Wilhelm II., photographed his departing guests and hoisted the signal "God speed you."

TAKE A COURSE IN HOUSEWORK

The Household Research Society Provides Instruction Therein.

At the first public meeting of the New York Association for Household Research, noon, the fact that young housewives can be taught how to cook, as well as to make beds and generally care for their homes, by instructors sent from the Intermunicipal Committee on Household Research, was Mr. Wilmerding engaged another vehicle

women and immigrant girls.

Miss Margaret Chandler, president of the Woman's Municipal League, announced that "household service is as much a profession as any other. Let us see," said she, "that we make as much of it. It is true that only refined and just women are well served, for they understand that a servant is not engaged to do any work that they would not do willingly rather than to see it undone."

Dr. Charles R. Henderson, professor of sociology in the University of Chicago, startled the women by declaring that "only ladies are treated with chivalry; women do not receive it from the gentlemen of see it undone

POLICEMAN SAVED CHURCH.

Saw Smoke in First Reformed Episcopa

and Broke Into Basement. Policemen Clancy of the East Fifty-first street police station caw smoke coming from a basement window of the First Reformed Episcopal Church, 551 Madison avenue, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He turned in an alarm and broke into the

The fire was in the wainscoting and had just started. It was put out after about \$50 damage had been done. It was caused by defective insulation on an electric light

A GOLFERS' TOUR To Pinehurst. March 31, via Pennsylvania Raliroad Rate 832, includes three days board at The Caro-lina. Tickets good for eighteen days. Grand North and South Championship Tournaments. Itinerary of ticket agents.—Ads.

## HOTEL JEWEL ROBBER CAUGHT

SO COPS SAY-AT NETHERLAND WITH 30 SKELETON KEYS.

Calmus Was Watched Several Days-Then Pelice Took a Chance and Arrested Him on His Appearance—Say He Owns to \$2,000 Theft at Manhattan Square.

A sleek young man was locked up at Police Headquarters last night, and in him V. the police believe they have the sneak thief who has stolen thousands of dollars worth of jewels from hotels in this city during the last six months. The prisoner gave the name of John Calmus and his age as 21 years. He was arrested in the Hotel Netherland.

He registered at the Netherland two days ago as J. T. Standing of Chicago. He went there with a valise and was assigned to a room on the sixth floor. John Conway, the detective, had been warned to look out for a young man answering his desscription. The minute Conway got his eyes on Calmus he suspected that he might be the sneak for whom every policeman and hotel detective was searching. Conway watched the young chap closely, but didn't see him do anything in the least

suspicious. Conway began to think yesterday that the man might suspect he was being watched and was purposely keeping out of harm. The more Conway thought of this the more he believed it to be true, and last night he

asked Police Headquarters for advice. Central Office Detectives Kelly and Tierney were sent to the Netherland to ook over the suspicious guest. Conway pointed the young man out to them and all three sleuths agreed he answered the description of the thief who was wanted. They took a chance on him, anyway, and placed him under arrest.

At first the young man was inclined to show anger, but the detectives bluffed the first to arrive on the scene. him and then, they say, he weakened, They knew they had him right when they searched him in the hotel, for the search brought forth a bunch of thirty skeleton "I guess there ain't much use of squealing

said the man when the keys were

pulled from his pockets. Little time was lost in getting the prisoner to Police Headquarters. There he was positively identified as a young man who had registered at the Manhattan Square Hotel at 50 West Seventy-seventh street over a month ago. When he left that hotel Mrs. Kochersberger, one of the guests, discovered that she had lost about \$2,000

worth of jewelry. He had registered there under the name of J. P. Standing and had a room on the same floor with the woman who was robbed. The jewels were taken while the owner was out of her room. Calmus, or whatever his name is, admitted this robbery last night, the police say. Mrs. Kochersberger was entered on the blotter as the complainant against him.

"How many other hotels have you robbed?" Sergt. Mangin asked the prisoner. have a lot chalked up against you." "Oh, there are some others," Mangin

says was the young man's answer. He told the names of some of them. Sergt. Mangin added, but the sergeant wouldn't make them known last night. Many of the hotels where robberies have occurred are known. On March 11 there the room of Mrs. Tenney, one of the guests.

Other hotels where robberies have oclatin and New Amsterdam. There may have been others, but the robberies were not made public.

Calmus stopped for a time at the Gilsey House. He told the police that he left there suddenly, leaving two handbags after him. In most of the hotels he stopped he left bags after him. In each robbery, the police say, he would wait for his intended victim to leave her room and then enter with a pass key. Only jewelry was stolen.

Calmus is a pale faced looking chap, who has the appearance of a dope fiend. The only address he would give was 1226 Spring Garden street, Philadelphia. The local police do not know him.

The name under which he registered at the Gilsey House was "Charles Anderson." His address he gave as Chicago. Detectives went to the Gilsey House late last night and got the bags which he had left

FRENCH MAID ASTRAY.

Came on the Baltic With L. K. Wilmerding's Family-Left at the Wrong Hotel.

Lucius K. Wilmerding of the linen importing firm of Wilmerding & Bissett of 6 Leonard street arrived home on the Baltic last night with his family and Marie Miland, a French maid. Mr. Wilmerding's house held in Berkeley Lyceum yesterday after- at 18 East Seventy-seventh street is closed, so he decided to put his family up at the Hotel Buckingham. There wasn't room for all the Wilmerdings

and the French maid in one carriage, so Committee on Household Research, was announced by Miss Elizabeth M. Rhodes, secretary.

She also declared that they were ready to recommend sanitary laundries, as well as to provide employment for unemployed women and immigrant girls.

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no engine. He went to the East Fitty-first street police station to ask what he had better do. He was told to report the maid missing at Police Headquarters.

From headquarters he was sent to the Charles street station, in the precinct which takes in the White Star pier. There they sent such a detection to trace they are the star a detection to trace the sent such seats. sent out a detective to trace the cabman who drove the maid. Mr. Wilmerding went along to aid in the search. Wilmerding

rned up at the Buckingham GIRL STOPS A RUNAWAY. Grabs the Bridle and Hangs on Until the

While he was still looking for her she

Horse Gives Up. CEDAR GROVE, N. J., March 24 .- Lillian Kelleher, 16 years old, proved herself a heroine this efternoon by stopping a runaway horse and saving from probable injury two children named Armstrong, who were in the carriage. When Miss Kelleher were in the carriage. When also bettere so, we the runaway approaching she waited until the horse got abreast of her and then, without a moment's hesitation, leaped forward and seized the bridle close to the bit. She swung to and fro like a pendulum for a moment and was in danger of being the saminal's hoofs, but

thrown under the animal's hoofs, but pulled herself up and kept jerking at the bridle until the horse stopped. Miss Kelleher was not hurt and she held the horse until the children recovered from their fright and climbed out of the carriage.

After all. USHER'S, the Scotch that made the

FRANCIS P. MAGOUN ARRESTED. STOREY COTTON CRASHARREST Once Well Known in Wall Street-Accused of Misappropriating Stock.

Francis P. Magoun, once head of the defunct brokerage house of Magoun Bros. & Co., which failed a few years ago, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with misappropriating 1,257 shares of railroad stock valued at \$20,000 and owned by Miss Clara S. Hall, a client of the

Magoun, since the failure of his firm and the death of his two brothers, Edward and George B. Magoun, has been living in Cincinnati. In the days of his prosperity he cut quite a swath here. He owned the Viper, the fleetest launch in the world, and was seen a great deal in the theatre district. He came here yesterday to testify in a

suit in the Supreme Court growing out of his firm's failure. Mrs. Hall's husband, hearing that he was here, hurried to the District Attorney's office to get him while he could. Magistrate Whitman was induced grant a warrant and Magoun was arrested as he was leaving the court. Mr. Hall alleges that while he was a client of the firm of Magoun Bros. & Co.

wife's name. Magistrate Whitman, in the Tombs police court, held Magoun in \$10,000 bail for further examination. He was paroled later till this morning to give him an opportunity to secure bail.

RESCUES AT TENEMENT FIRE. Women and Children Carried Out by Po-

Heemen-Stairs Cut Off by Smoke. Five persons were rescued yesterday afternoon from a fire which started in the rooms of John J. Lehman on the second floor of a six story tenement house at 166 East 127th street and did \$2,000 damage. Policemen Bowden, Elliott and Signor of the East 128th street station were among

Lehman was at home with his two chilren, who were asleep in one of the bedooms on the second floor, when the fire started in one of the other bedrooms. He picked up the children and got to the street, where he met the policemen and told them that several tenants were in the house with sick children. Bowden ran up to the third floor, where he found Mrs. Albert Johnson so scared that she could not speak. The fire had cut off escape by the stairs. Bowden picked her up and carried her over the roof to the next house.

Policemen Elliott and Signor found Mrs. Margaret Hook in the rear flat on the same floor with her three sick children, Eveline, 8: Theodore, 5, and John, 2 years old. The | the Provident Investment Bureau cases. woman and her children were taken down the rear fire escape.

COP SAYS WOMAN PUNCHED HIM.

Real Estate Man's Wife Resented Arrest of Her Ball Playing 12-Year-Old. Mrs. Frederick Cole, the wife of a real estate dealer in The Bronx, was locked up in the Tremont police station yesterday afternoon charged with assaulting Police man John McEnnery. The cop found a and fell into the room. Francis was sitting number of boys having a ball game in front 2393 Cambreling avenue, where Mrs. Cole lives, and he drove them away. Among

son of Mrs. Cole. McEnnery says that as soon as his back was turned the boys began to play ball Court in the Federal Building. United was a robbery at the Hotel Flanders, and again and that he rushed in among them States District Attorney J. Whittaker \$1,500 worth of jewels were stolen from and grabbed one of the players. This boy Thompson conducted the proceedings. happened to be Burton Cole. The cop was marching off with him as a prisoner when curred recently are the St. Andrews, Gal- | Mrs. Cole appeared and demanded to know why her son had been singled out for a with Mr. Anderson assisted in the prosecuprisoner instead of some other boy. McEnnery says that he replied that all ball playing boys looked alike to him and that Mrs. Cole's son would have to go to the police station.

Thereupon, the cop says, Mrs. Cole showed she had plenty of nerve, for she pitched into him with both fists and struck him many blows about the head, knocking off his helmet. Her son's playmates saw Mrs. Cole at work, and they did their part by jeering the cop. McEnnery got mad then and placed Mrs. Cole under arrest. She was locked up, and her son was put

in the same cell with her. Both were bailed out later.

SHE TALKED HIM OUT OF \$18,000. Once Wealthy Nebraskan Has Woman of Many Adventures Arrested.

DENVER, March 24.-After twelve years of adventures Mrs. Scott Smedley, formerly Miss Edith Simmons of Atlanta, Ga., is in jail, charged by Joseph Wells, at one time a wealthy Nebraskan, with obtense of promising to secure a divorce and marry him.

Wells is 45 years old and Mrs. Smedley After getting his last \$6,000 she left him, he charges, and came to Denver, where her husband, a former Lincoln, Neb., clothing salesman, had started a flourishing business and bought an automobile with the money his wife got from

Husband and wife were taken back to Lincoln to-day. Mrs. Smedley had two husbands before she married Smedley.

NUNN'S DEATH AND X-SCIENCE. Inquest Resumed-Testimony to Be Sub-

mitted to the District Attorney. The inquest in the case of Alderman W. Nunn, the accountant, who died at his home, 68 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn, on March 17, and whose life, as it is supposed, might have been saved if his wife, who is a Christian Scientist, had not refused to have him treated by a regular physician,

was resumed last night by Coroner Flah-erty. Nunn had been struck by a train. Dr. George C. Owens, house surgeon of St. Mary's Hospital, testified that Mr. Nunn was suffering from eight scalp wounds when admitted to the hospital, one of them being six inches long. At the end of a week, during which time there had been a gradual improvement in the wounds, Mrs. Nunn insisted in the removal of the patient to his house.

Owens said that this action on Mrs. Nunn's part was much against his advice and wishes and he had her sign a statement to that effect. Mrs. Nunn's explanation was that she wanted to have her husband at home so that she could take full care of Several other witnesses were ex-

Coroner Flaherty, who is holding the inquiry without a jury, will submit the entire evidence when completed to the District Attorney.

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POSTAL AUTHORITIES NAB STAN-LEY FRANCIS, PROMOTER.

Heid in \$100,000 Ball After Hearing -He Ran the United States Trust Co. and Was apposed to He Wealthy -Taken to Prison on a Trolley Car.

PRILADELPHIA, March 24 .-- As a climax to the coliapse of the Storey Cotton Company and the consequent crash of the Provident Investment Bureau, the United States postal authorities to-day caused the arrest of Stanley Francis, promoter of the United States Trust Company, with offices on Third street below Market. Francis was supposed to be a millionaire.

United States Commissioner Craig, after hearing evidence which connected Francis with the Storey Cotton Company, held him in \$100,000 bail, the highest security ever fixed in the local Federal courts. Francis insisted on telephoning for his automobile to take him to prison. The deputy marshals however, persuaded him to be satisfied he gave them the stock to sell and that with a trolley car.

ortly afterward the firm failed and he In Moyamensing Prison Francis is now never got any return for it. It was in his awaiting a further hearing of his case next Friday. He refused to make any statement at the hearing which took place in Commissioner Craig's office at 5 o'clock this evening. He declared that he would make his defence when the proper time

> Shortly before his arrest the various officers of the United States Trust Company, men whose integrity is above suspicion, had summoned Francis to meet them in the offices of the company to explain some of the charges that have recently been made against him Francis did not appear, but was represented by counsel.

Apparently the explanations did not satisfy the majority of the officers, for nearly all resigned at once. They all believed that the company was a trustworthy concern when they entered it and they explained that they severed their connec

tion with it because of Francis. Attorneys E. J. Pershing and Robert M. Anderson, who represent the majority of the creditors of the Storey Cotton Company and the Provident Investment Company, instituted the proceedings through the postal authorities. They declared that they knew nothing and cared little about the United States Trust Company, their chief concern being about Francis's connection with it.

The warrant for the arrest contained the names of six other men who are wanted in connection with the Storey Cotton and United States Marshal Myers went to

the Francis Building with the warrant. Several others were with Myers. They were met at the door by an office boy. The boy refused to let them in. The men pushed him to one side and passed through a pair of swinging doors to a rear room marked "Private." Myers knocked upon the door. There was no answer. The deputy marshal put his shoulder to the door, threw tell his weight against it

calmly behind a desk. "What can I do for you, gentlemen?" he asked.

They told him and he agreed to go with the boys was Burton, the twelve-year-old them. At 5 o'clock the hearing was begun in the office of the United States District

> The hearing was held it A detailed story of all that took place wa-

"The exact charge against the man," said Mr. Pershing, "was 'conspiracy,' using the mails for fraudulent purposes, and everything covered by these two formal charges. Francis was as cool as ice. He made no statement.

"It was testified that he was a director of the Storey Cotton Company, had helped to declare fictitious dividends for that concern, and that the company had never dealt in cotton or done any outside business except in one or two trivial instances. It was shown that the mailing lists of the Storey Cotton Company and the Provident Investment Company were interchanged.

GOODRICH BETS ON CHICAGO.

Wires He'll Take Up Ex-Mayor Van Wyck's Jefferson Day Dinner Wager.

There is a taker for that \$5,000 bet offered by ex-Mayor Van Wyck that the Jefferson day dinner of the Democratic Club will surpass that to be held by the Iroquois Club of Chicago on the same anniversary. taining \$18,000 cash from him on the pre- Ex-Judge Adam Goodrich of Chicago telegraphed to the Democratic Club yesterday asking for particulars of the yesterday asking for particulars of the wager Mr. Van Wyck is ready to make. What the former Mayor said was that he was willing to bet \$5,000 that the New York dinner would get more space in the newspapers and more national attention than the Chicago festival.

When Mr. Van Wyck was asked who was to decide the bet and upon what rules the judgment should be made, he confessed he was up against it so far as that end of

he was up against it so far as that end of it was concerned, but that anyhow his money was ready. Judge Goodrich's telegram stated that he was willing to

take up the bet as soon as he could learn the details.

Mr. Van Wyck went to Boston yesterday to induce Mayor Patrick A. Collins to speak at the New York dinner and to have a talk with Gov. Douglas, who has promised to attend but who, report said, was on the verge of backsliding.

NEVER KNEW OF MRS. READER. Assistant Secretary of State Loomis De-

nies That He Acted for Her. San Francisco, March 24.—Assistant Secretary of State F. R. Loomis, who arrived here yesterday, took occasion to deny with much emphasis the reported assertions of Mrs. Ella Rawles Reader that she had obtained valuable concessions from the Santo Domingo Government and was to have become fiscal agent of the Government that he went to Santo Domingo in con-

nection with them.

"The story is ridiculous and preposterous,"
said Mr. Loomis. "I never knew Mrs.
Reader existed until I read her story in the
papers a few days ago. You cannot make
the denial too strong."

"I never stated that I knew Mr. Loomis personally," said Mrs. Reader yesterday, and perhaps Mr. Loomis never heard of me. What I did say was, I expect Mr. Loomis could explain something of the Santo Domingo Dillingham-Sancbez treaty. But I have never made any attack whatever on the Administration or Mr. Roosevelt. to whom I am very friendly. My only question is who advised the Administration to act so suddenly and so quickly with President Morales as regards his dealings with

NEW ELECTRICAL CURRENT. Sir Oliver Ledge Uses His Latest Discovery

in Dispersing Fogs.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 24.-Sir Oliver Lodge, principal of the University of Birmingham, the well known electrical authority, lectured to-night on what he described as a pertinacious electrical current.

Stripped of technicalities, he said it could be described as a persistent current which would overcome great obstacles and go in any direction regardless of what stood in the way. He had been looking for such a current since 1884, and had only recently encountered it. He had applied it successfully in his prolonged experiments for dispersing fogs.

He paid a tribute to Professors Crookes and Aitken in connection with the discovery. CLOSE CALL FOR MRS. BELMONT.

Cetting Falls Soon After She Leaves a Roon in Her Hempstead Home. HEMPSTEAD, L. I., March 24.-Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont narrowly escaped injury and perhaps death at her country seat, Brockholt, near here, yesterday. She had been reading in her library, a room about twenty feet square, on the second floor of the

white colonial mansion, and had just gone

out of the room when the heavy ceiling

This ceiling was three inches thick, with a massive centrepiece and beautifully moulded cornice. The cornice is all that remains. Under the mass of débris on the floor the chandelier was found bent and twisted. The hardwood chairs were indented and an onyx top of a table was smashed.

WOMAN DROVE COLLIDING AUTO. Livery Man in Runabout Hurt; Boy Escapes Without a Beratch.

A runabout, in which were William Miller, 67 years old, who has a livery stable at 366 Eighth avenue, and his five-year-old grandson, was hit by an automobile phaeton owned and driven by Mrs. Paul McCormick of 316 West Ninety-fifth street late vesterday afternoon on the cross drive in Central Park at Sixty-seventh street. The runabout was upset and badly smashed and Miller and the boy were thrown to the ground.

The child escaped unhurt, but Miller had several ribs broken and his head badly bruised. In the automobile with Mrs. McCormick was her maid. Miller refused to make a complaint against Mrs. McCormick.

BRIDE FOR KING ALFONSO.

Daughter of Duke of Connaught Said to Have Been Chosen. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, March 25.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says it is reliably stated that preliminary negotiations for the marriage of Princess Patricia, daughter of the Duke of Connaught, and King Alfonso were formally opened Thursday. Well informed courtiers say the negotiations are

almost certain to succeed. KICKED DOG OFF THE ELEVATED. Angry Crowd Cause Arrest of Track Walker

-Dog Disappeared. John Twomey, 22 years old, a trackwalker on the Third avenue elevated railroad, was locked up last night in the East 126th street station on the charge of cruelty animals. A mongrel dog got past the ticket chopper at the 125th street station, obtained from Attorney Pershing, who and there was a scramble among the passengers and employees on the platform

> to corral the animal. The dog jumped down on the tracks. Twomey, who was walking the tracks, pursued it and, it is alleged, kicked it from the structure into the street. A big crowd had collected in the street, and the people became greatly angered at Twomey's act.

John Lyons of 632 East 139th street caused Policeman McDonald to arrest Twomey. When the cop went to look for the dog it could not be found. Some of the crowd old McDonald that a small boy had picked it up when it landed in the street and ran off with it.

SHERRY'S BUNCOED.

Serves a 826 Dinner for Four, Then Locks Up the 2-Cent Host. Four very young men in evening clothes went into Sherry's at 9 o'clock last night and ate a dinner valued at \$26. Three walked out and the fourth admitted his

inability to pay. Policeman Tay or led him to the East Fifty-first street station, where he said he was James Johnson, 17 years old, of Newark, and that he had been living at the Waldorf. The Waldorr repudiates him. Johnson's pocket wealth consisted of two pawntickets and two cents

WAITING FOR HOPPER.

Building Superintendent's Son Expects Him Back From Florida To-morrow. Some friends of Isaac A. Hopper, Superntendent of Buildings, seemed to think yesterday that he might be back in town composing an essay on the relation of frozen mortar to the safety elevator clutch. Mr. Hopper has been in Florida while buildings have been falling down. He has been called home by Borough Presi-

dent Ahearn. Mr. Hopper didn't appear at the Harlem Democratic Club or in any of his other naunts. His home at 165 West 122d street Thomas Hopper, the superintendent's son, said last night that he didn't expect to see his father till to-morrow. No more

buildings fell yesterday. PRISON FOR "DEAD BABY" BEGGAR Letter Writer Crawford Goes Up to Sing Sing for Six Years.

John R. Crawford, who is known as the "dead baby letter writer," a beggar who originated the scheme of getting money from rich folks by writing that his baby was dead and he had no money with which to bury it, was sentenced to six years in Sing Sing by Recorder Goff yesterday in General Sessions. The offence for which he will spend the best part of the next six years in fail was passing a bosque check "dead baby letter writer," a beggar who years in jail was passing a bogus check

The Charity Organization Society The Charity Organization Scalety has long been trying to land Crawfurd there. It came out yesterday that ex-Judge Martine is one of the men he fooled. In 1891 Judge Martine sent Crawford to jail for larceny. When he came out he talked Judge Martine into believing that he had reformed, and the Judge got him a job.

It wasn't long before Crawford had robbed his new employer.

SHORT LINE TO CLEVELAND. Pennsylvania Raliroad. Through sleeping car leaves New York daily at 425 P. M., arrives Cleve-land 7:15 A. M. Chicago Limited, no extra fare. —Adr.

## BETTER OUTLOOK FOR PEACE

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1905. Rain, followed by fair weather, to-days fair and warmer to-morrow

> CZAR SAID TO BE READY TO CON-SIDER TERMS.

Gen. Sakharoff, Minister of War, Likely to Retire-Little Chance of Saving Harbin Unless Strong Reenforcements Reach Lintevitch-Naval Loss Rumored

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 25 .- The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Telegraph declares despite the seemingly hopeless outlook owing to the Czar's hitherto firm resolve to persist in the war, peace at last is in sight. The correspondent adds that he makes this statement deliberately and categorically, and not as a probable in-ference from the signs and tokens observ-

able during the last few days. He says:

"What has happened is that his Majesty as been convinced, much against his will, that a further continuation of the war will be disastrous to Russia financially, economically and politically. He is therefore conditionally willing to discontinue it. Conditionally, not absolutely. "I am not at present in a position to

elucidate the proximate cause of this sudden change of view. I can state, however, with certainty, that the military advisers of the Czar are largely responsible for having heretofore neutralized the influences tending to peace. Among the other advocates of a struggle to the bitter end was Gen. Sakharoff, Minister of War, who probably will now be relieved of his functions.

"Strenuous, persevering and patriotic endeavors have been made since the Mukden catastrophe to shake the Czar's resolve to continue the campaign, and at last they have succeeded, but, as already stated, his Majesty's willingness is conditional. Unless the terms are such that peace will be obviously preferable to a continuation of war negotiations will be worse than superfluous.

"In the present embryonic stage of the new relations between the belligerents it would be premature to enumerate the conditions Russia would accept, but it may be affirmed positively that while she is willing to draw far reaching and practical consequences from her defeat and embody them in the peace conditions in the form of territorial compensations and possibly also self-denying stipulations, Russia will on no account allow a war indemnity to form any part of the arrangement.

The argument employed to support this negative proviso is this: The sum of \$500,000,000, which would probably canstitute the war indemnity, would also enable Russia to carry on the struggle until Japan was completely exhausted. Therefore it would be more advantageous to spend the money on ruining the enemy than in enriching her and enabling her to acquire an enormous fleet. "On the other hand, however, it may be

argued that in order to continue the campaign not money only, but men are needed, and the mobilization of these may cause disturbances throughout Russia. But for this objection the military officials are prepared and propose to despatch to the front soldiers now serving in Russia, of whom there are quite enough for the purpose, and to mobilize others to take their places. They believe that if the mobilization takes place on the understanding that the men called to the colors will not be sent to the Far East no dissatisfaction will be

displayed. "It is felt that another condition on which the fructification of the Czar's pe ful mood is understood to depend is cooperation of England, America, France and Germany, more especially the two Anglo-Saxon Powers, as moderators of the Japanese demands. Russia on her part would make it quite clear that she was actuated by a genuine desire for peace and had assimilated the bitter lessons taught by the war. That disposition would be manifested in the heavy sacrifices she would be rady to consent to in order to end the slaugher. Refusal to concur in these conditions would doubtless relegate

peace to the distant future." The correspondent admits that it is regarded as unlikely that Japan will agree to the conditions, and accordingly Russia. whenever she formulates them, will probably bespeak the approval of outsiders and the sympathy of all peoples who desire the ending of the bloodshed.

But the Japanese viewpoint is intelligible

A peace concluded on these terms would

leave Japan with diminishing credit, a large war debt, and the necessity for borrowing again to raise her navy to the requisite strength. Russia, keenly aware that supremacy of the sea is the key to the lordship of the Pacific, would immediately create an enormous fleet. This she could do with ease, for France and Germany will advance unlimited sums for warships on condition that these be built where the money is raised and that the

proceeds of loans be left to pay for them.

That facility is really the master fact of

the situation, enabling Russia to possess herself in a few years of an overwhelming naval force, with which Japan cannot hope to compete. Then what territorial concessions Japan wrested from the enemy would be of no value because with the loss of the command of the sea they would all disappear. On the other hand, a heavy indemnity would enable Japan to buy ships and maintain her preponderance at sea, without which she is doomed to lose all the fruits of

her present victories. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says that the delegation from Moscow is hastening back to that city to convey to the Zemstvo and municipal council the response of M. Boulyguine, Minister of the Interior, to its reform representations, which is understood to be satisfactory. It is the best opinion that the Zemski Sobor will be convoked very soon.

CALLS LOUDLY FOR PEACE.

Prince Meschtschereski Says Russia Does Not Deserve Victory. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
St. Petersburg, March 24.-Prince

Meschtschereski says in the Grashadnin "Knowing that it is my duty to oppose even those upon whom I look as the most

sacred representatives, and loving patriotism, I call out loudly now that there is only one thing to raise up and save Russia, and that is the immediate conclusion of peace, no matter what it may cost." The Prince declares that it is not the

Japanese who have vanquished the Russian army, but "we ourselves have done it, in the person of the officers, the General Staff of the army and navy, in the administration of our corrupt officials and by the in-